

First 100 Word List:

Links and Resources for New Teachers Creating a Real-Object Box

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## **Body Parts**

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**Foot:** Dollar Tree also often has very cheap, small soft baby dolls as a cheaper option which often have most of the body parts. [Baby Doll in Bathtub](#) from Dollar General is an option that can be used for multiple words-- Walmart also has a lot of dolls under \$10 that are worth a look and could be used for multiple vocab words.

**Hair:** Dollar Tree/Dollar Stores often have very cheap, soft baby dolls for sale for that include hair that is touchable, which could be especially useful for students who may have vision needs or students who may not be able to abstract “hair” from lines on a bald baby doll’s head. [This doll](#) from Walmart has hair and could be used for other body part words.

**Hand:** Dollar Tree also often has very cheap, small soft baby dolls as a cheaper option which often have most of the body parts. [Baby Doll in Bathtub](#) from Dollar General is an option that can be used for multiple words-- Walmart also has a lot of dolls under \$10 that are worth a look and could be used for multiple vocab words.

**Mouth:** Dollar Tree also often has very cheap, small soft baby dolls as a cheaper option which often have most of the body parts. [Baby Doll in Bathtub](#) from Dollar General is an option that can be used for multiple words-- Walmart also has a lot of dolls under \$10 that are worth a look and could be used for multiple vocab words.

**Nose:** Dollar Tree also often has very cheap, small soft baby dolls as a cheaper option which often have most of the body parts. [Baby Doll in Bathtub](#) from Dollar General is an option that can be used for multiple words-- Walmart also has a lot of dolls under \$10 that are worth a look and could be used for multiple vocab words.

**Teeth:** [This doll](#) from Walmart has teeth. Options from Amazon.com include this [dental model](#), this cheaper [kid dental playset](#) that could do double-duty in a classroom for community helper/health units, or [these fake teeth sets](#) that could lead to some fun choice opportunities. If you visit a Dollar General/Dollar Tree around Halloween, you might be able to get fake teeth!

## **Food**

**Apple-** Sometimes Dollar Tree will have cheap plastic food sets, though they do not always have what is needed for this list. [This set from Walmart](#) includes an apple, banana, ice-cream, cookie, crackers, and a knife for “cut” verb, and is just under \$10. Downfall could be that the food is not super realistic. Amazon has some great sets, but they tend to be pricier, and Walmart and Target also have more expensive sets.

**Banana** – see apple

**Bottle** – You can find small plastic baby bottles at dollar tree/dollar general.

**Cookie** – see apple

**Cracker** – see apple

**Ice-cream** – see apple

**Juice** – [This Walmart](#) set for under \$6 includes juice, milk, apple, and banana.

**Milk** - [This Walmart](#) set for under \$6 includes juice, milk, apple, and banana.

**Water** – an easy way to do this is recycle a plastic water bottle that you have already used, wash it well, and fill it up with tap water and use that for your water!

## **Toys**

**Airplane** – Often one can find very cheap airplane toys at Dollar General/Dollar Tree in the toy section, though it often depends on the stock. Walmart has some options for under \$10, including something like [this](#) or [this](#) if the cheaper Dollar Store options aren’t available.

**Ball** – Dollar Tree/Dollar General almost always has small rubber balls, especially when preparing for spring and summer. They can be bouncy, large, or small, or sports themed. For instance, try [these](#), [these](#), or [these](#)! Dollar Stores are your best option.

**Balloon** – Again, Dollar-type stores are your best option here. You can buy a large bag of multi-colored balloons, blow it up ever so slightly, and then replace the one in your box when it deflates. [Here](#) is a bag of 25 from the Dollar Tree for \$1. Just be aware of possible latex allergies.

**Bike** – one of the harder “transportation” objects to find. Keep an eye out at dollar stores for transportation items and see if a bike is included. Other (more expensive) options include these [finger bikes](#) or [magnetic transportation set](#). Often some Lego or Playmobil sets include bikes but can be expensive but are worth checking garage sales for.

**Boat** – Dollar type stores often have cheap boats like [these](#) or [these](#) for sale.

**Car** – Again, Dollar-type stores sell lots of these on the cheap, like [these](#) or [these](#).

## House

**Bed** – There is [this bed](#) from the Dollar Tree dollhouse furniture, or [This set](#) from Walmart comes with a bathtub and bed and is under \$10.

**Book** – Any small book will do. Dollar stores often sell smaller sized Sesame Street themed toddler books.

**Bathtub** – See “bed” listing

**Cup** – Available from the Dollar Store.

**Soap** – Also available at any Dollar Store, whether you want bar soap or liquid hand-soap.

**Spoon** – Dollar Store sells spoons, both metal and plastic.

## People

**Baby:** -- Dollar Tree often has very cheap, small soft baby dolls. There is also [Baby Doll in Bathtub](#) from Dollar General for a bit more that could be used for multiple purposes.

**Child’s name:** - If not just printing a picture of the child, Dollar Tree often has cheap hand mirrors if you wanted to use a reflection (and “mirror” is not a word you are currently targeting).

## Animals

**Bear** – Dollar stores often have cheap plastic animals, though you often must buy multiple sets to get the animals you need. [This set](#) from the Dollar Tree includes a bear.

**Bird** - Dollar stores often have cheap plastic animals, though you often must buy multiple sets to get the animals you need. Sometimes the garden sections of dollar stores will have decorative birds you can use, like [these](#), [these](#), or [these](#).

**Cat** - I would look at Dollar Stores for cheap plastic animal sets, which they sell occasionally with different types of animals. If they don’t there’s [this](#) farm set for under \$10.

**Cow** - I would look at Dollar Stores for cheap plastic animal sets, which they sell occasionally with different types of animals. If they don’t there’s [this](#) farm set for under \$10.

**Dog** - I would look at Dollar Stores for cheap plastic animal sets, which they sell occasionally with different types of animals. If they don’t there’s [this](#) farm set for under \$10.

**Duck** - I would look at Dollar Stores for cheap plastic animal sets, which they sell occasionally with different types of animals. If they don’t there’s [this](#) farm set for under \$10. A rubber duck might work as well.

**Fish** – Around summer, Dollar stores have lots of fish and sea-animal toys. Also can try these [magic grow sets](#), this [pool set](#), or a [battery-powered swimming fish](#).

### Animals Continued...

**Horse** – I would look at Dollar Stores for cheap plastic animal sets, which they sell occasionally with different types of animals. If they don't have sets, [here](#) are some horse figures from Dollar Tree.

**Monkey**– I would look at Dollar Stores for cheap plastic animal sets, which they sell occasionally with different types of animal, or other options include [this stuffed animal monkey](#) from the Dollar Tree.

**Rabbit** – [This farm set](#) for under \$10 from Walmart includes a bunny. Keep an eye out for stuffed animal versions or small plastic animals from Dollar-type stores, though finding specific animals are hard.

### Adjectives

\*A note on this section: Because these describe objects rather than the objects themselves, this is more of a challenge for a real-object box, especially for younger children who need more concrete examples and might confuse using one object to show the abstract concept of a description. For instance, you could use a pretend stove or pretend ice-cube for cold and hot, but in such a way where “hot” does not substitute the meaning for “oven” or “stove” perhaps using pretend play or actions. Pictures can work here even when wanting to use real objects as much as possible.

**Hot** - If intent on using an object, it might depend on the child's schema. Using a piece of play food that is not currently a vocabulary word might work along with blowing on it/actions. Otherwise, something like a pretend campfire like [this](#) or [this](#), might work.

**Cold** – If intent on using an object, it might depend on the child's schema. Using play food might work if it is not currently a vocabulary word. Or something like an icepack like [this one](#) from the Dollar Tree. A slightly more expensive option could be these [plastic reusable ice-cubes](#) from Amazon.

**Big** – Again, this concept is best illustrated with an example and non-example or opposite by using two of the same objects that illustrate the concept at the same time (a big and little sock or pencil or toy). If wanting to use play food, there are [food erasers](#) at 5 and Below as an option.

**Little** - Again, this concept is best illustrated with an example and non-example or opposite by using two of the same objects that illustrate the concept at the same time (a big and little sock or pencil or toy). If wanting to use play food, there are [food erasers](#) at 5 and Below as an option.

**Happy** -- Emotions could be done with a baby doll showing that emotion, or vocabulary cards with real pictures. Other options for practice could be these [sticker faces](#).

**Sad** – Emotions could be done with a baby doll showing that emotion, or vocabulary cards with real pictures. Other options for practice could be these [sticker faces](#).

**Clean:** [Baby Doll in Bathtub](#) from Dollar General

**Dirty:** [Baby Doll in Bathtub](#) from Dollar General;

**Broken** – You could have a broken toy that the child is familiar with if they understand that concept. Otherwise, this word could benefit from having both an example and non-example of the same object (a complete pencil and a broken pencil) to better illustrate that you are describing the state of the object and not naming the object itself.

**Red** – If not just using color vocabulary cards, one could buy a pack of crayons from the Dollar Tree for \$1 that would show colors.

**Orange** - If not just using color vocabulary cards, one could buy a pack of crayons from the Dollar Tree for \$1 that would show colors.

**Yellow** - If not just using color vocabulary cards, one could buy a pack of crayons from the Dollar Tree for \$1 that would show colors.

**Green** - If not just using color vocabulary cards, one could buy a pack of crayons from the Dollar Tree for \$1 that would show colors.

**Blue** - If not just using color vocabulary cards, one could buy a pack of crayons from the Dollar Tree for \$1 that would show colors.

**Purple** - If not just using color vocabulary cards, one could buy a pack of crayons from the Dollar Tree for \$1 that would show colors.

**Pink** - If not just using color vocabulary cards, one could buy a pack of crayons from the Dollar Tree for \$1 that would show colors.

**One** –Dollar Tree has large dice with dots, numbers, or dry erase in their school supply section. Otherwise, using any small objects and exploring the changes in number of objects as you add and take away will work for a more concrete example.

**Two** - Dollar Tree has large dice with dots, numbers, or dry erase in their school supply section. Otherwise, using any small objects will work.

**Three** - Dollar Tree has large dice with dots, numbers, or dry erase in their school supply section. Otherwise, using any small objects will work.

### **Nature**

**Flower** – Dollar Tree has tons of fake flowers for \$1 a unit, in all different types and kinds.

**Rain** – Probably best to use a real picture, but if a toy is desired there are some options like this [rain toy](#) from Amazon or this [hanging cloud with raindrops](#).

**Sun** – Again, probably better to use a picture of the real thing. However, there are options such as [cheap sun decorations](#) from Dollar Tree, or a [sun toy](#) or [plush](#) from Amazon.

**Tree** – You can find [tree figurines](#) on Amazon. Some toy sets will come with toy trees included (I found some cardboard car building sets like a garage that came with some plastic trees at 5 and Below)

### **Prepositions**

\*A note on this section: because these describe the position objects rather than the objects themselves, this is more of a challenge for a real-object box, especially for younger children who need more concrete examples and might confuse using one object to show the abstract concept of a description. It may be best to choose two objects (the [toy bed or another piece of doll house furniture](#) from Dollar Tree and a small doll or [Lego piece](#)) and use these objects to physically represent the concepts of **Behind**, **In**, **Next to**, **On**, and **Under**.

### **Verbs**

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**Clean up** – if wanting to act it out, getting a washcloth from dollar tree and some paint you could drip and then “clean up” might work if not using a picture showing someone cleaning up toys.

**Close** – An old, small box (cardboard, like the kind small gifts come in) could be used to show open and close. Any toy with a door (vehicle, open and close toy where things fit inside, etc.) works, or you could go for something like this [dollhouse door](#) for under \$10 on Amazon.

**Cry** – A picture or acting it out is certainly cheaper than trying to find a crying baby doll or something. You could get an eye dropper from the dollar stores with water to make tears.

**Cut** - [This food set from Walmart](#) includes a knife.

**Drink** – Any cup from Dollar Tree for \$1 will do to have in the box to act out drinking.

**Drop** – Use any toy from the box to act this out.

**Eat** – Use a piece of play-food like [This Walmart set](#) or from Dollar Tree (not one you are working on the word for at the same time).

**Fall** – Use a doll or toy animal to show fall (look above for animal/doll links). Sometimes Dollar General will have more barbie-like dolls if you want something less baby-like to have fall.

**Fly** – You can use the toy airplane (see link above in “toys”) if not currently using the word, or a toy bird (links above in “animals”)

**Hit** – Dollar Tree has [bats and ball sets](#) for \$1. You could also use two dolls if illustrating a person.

**Hug** – Use a baby doll (links above) to illustrate “hug”

**Jump** – Use a doll or animal figurine to illustrate jump

**Kick** – Use a \$1 ball from Dollar Tree to show this action if not using a picture.

**Kiss** – Use a doll (or two dolls) to illustrate kiss.

**Look** – Best just acted out with people or a doll

**Pour** – You can use a dollar store cup to show pour (unless it might be mixed up with “spill”) or you could look at Dollar Tree for a [small pitcher](#).

**Roll** – Use a \$1 Dollar Tree ball (links above)

**Run** – Use a doll, animal, or yourself to illustrate this if not using a picture.

**Sit** – If you have a doll that can sit a bit, you can use a cheap [dollhouse chair](#) to illustrate the action.

**Sleep** – See above for “bed” suggestions. Use a doll or even an animal already in the box to illustrate the action.

**Throw** -- Use a \$1 ball from Dollar Tree to show this action if not using a picture.

**Wake up** - See above for “bed” suggestions. Use a doll or even an animal already in the box to illustrate the action.

**Wash** - [Baby Doll in Bathtub](#) from Dollar General. Dollar stores also sell scrubbies, loofas, and washcloths that could serve for one acting out the verb “wash.”

### **Clothes**

**Coat** – You might be able to find a cheap coat at a dollar store, but I never was lucky enough. Paper-dolls might be an option, though not that different from pictures if needing a truly concrete example (I did get a lot of use out of these [weather-clothes paper dolls](#) from TeachersPayTeachers.com, though it \$10). Both Walmart and Amazon have some doll coat options for under \$10, for both larger and Barbie-type dolls.

**Diaper** – Some dollar stores will sell cheap diaper brands, and [Dollar General](#) sells slightly more expensive diapers that are still cheaper than regular stores. Kids grow out of diapers very quickly, especially smaller/newborn sizes, so asking around on Facebook groups, old friends, or other teachers is always a good idea.



**Hat** – Dollar Stores, in fall and winter, often carry \$1 hats (both adult and child-sized). If looking for more less of a winter cap style, Dollar Tree also carries [baseball caps](#), [straw hats](#), different types of [party hats](#), and [bucket hats](#).

**Pajamas** - You might be able to find cheap pajamas at a dollar store or a doll with pajamas, but I but the pajamas at Dollar General are all full-size adult/child pajamas that aren't exactly easy to fit in a box. Paper-dolls might be an option, though not that different from pictures if needing a truly concrete example. Walmart and Amazon have some doll pajama options for under \$10, for both larger and Barbie-type dolls. Some baby dolls may already come in pajamas too.

**Pants** - You might be able to find a cheap small pair of pants at a dollar store, or a doll with pants. Paper-dolls might be an option, though not that different from pictures if needing a truly concrete example (I did get a lot of use out of these [weather-clothes paper dolls](#) from TeachersPayTeachers.com, though it \$10). Both Walmart and Amazon have some doll pants and outfits options for under \$10, for both larger and Barbie-type dolls.

**Shirt** - You might be able to find a cheap coat at a dollar store, but I never was lucky enough. Paper-dolls might be an option, though not that different from pictures if needing a truly concrete example (I did get a lot of use out of these [weather-clothes paper dolls](#) from TeachersPayTeachers.com, though it \$10). Both Walmart and Amazon have some doll coat options for under \$10, for both larger and Barbie-type dolls.

**Shoe** – Dollar stores will sometimes sell cheap shoes, but more often sell flip-flops, sandals, and slippers, which if you are differentiating between the types might not work best. A clean but old shoe of your own or your/someone's child/baby is always a good option.

**Sock** – Dollar stores almost always sell child/adult socks in single pairs for \$1 in different colors and sometimes patterns.